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of conscience to speak the truth, and the truth
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THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Whether Honolulu is cursed to-day with Asiatic cholera or not, and whether we are overdoing necessary precautions, one thing is sure and that is that the city of Honolulu is getting a cleaning up which it sorely stood in need of and which will prove everlastingly beneficial to its sanitary conditions.

But, we cannot help asking, how is it that this much needed cleaning up hasn't taken place before? What has the Board of Health been doing the days, months and years where filth, sanitary outrages and disease breeding conditions as now described by the authorities gathered and took possession of the city? Doctors, police officers, special agents and others now inspect the town and they present reports which would make any human hog shudder and which makes the whole community exclaim where is the Board of Health and where has it been?

The report of Captain Parker shows that the densely populated center of the town, inhabited by Chinese, Japanese and Hawaiians, mostly, is in a frightful condition. The description of the duck ranches, under houses, the filth and the stench is enough to make anybody wonder that we haven't been visited before by cholera, yellow and other kinds of fevers, and all the pestilences and plagues that flesh is heir to. Did the agents of the Board of Health not know of the existence of these conditions of that portion of the town or were they too occupied in drawing their fat salaries and riding around in top-covered brakes to devote time to examining the different premises and abating the evils?

A representative of this paper this morning visited the thickly populated district makai of Queen street and South street. Numerous cottages are there built closely together and dwell in by working people with large families and numerous young children. The stables of the Board of Health are in the district—and so are the dumping grounds of

all the garbage, filth and refuse gathered every morning around the town. Imagine dear reader a Board of Health which allows the refuse of a city to be dumped under the very windows of a district of almost a single block, inhabited by nearly a thousand people!

The President may come out and tell the Advertiser our statement is false as he did this morning in regard to the affair on Nuuanu street. The President speaks from hearsay only. We speak from personal observation. We saw this morning the garbage carts dumping the refuse of the town just makai of Queen street, near the block known as Magoonville, and not a hundred yards from the Board of Health stables, and we saw numerous women and children occupied as rag pickers and assorting the garbage, saving a shoe here and a tin can there, a cast of clothing now, and then a piece of a mattress. Car after car arrived at the spot and the rag picking went on. If that is the precaution adopted in a cholera infected city, God save the people, the Board of Health certainly cannot.

The dumping ground should immediately be removed to a beach where there is neither houses nor people, and the garbage should be burned there immediately, and the rag-picking stopped.

If the conditions in that district are bad how are those at Iwilei. We defy the members of the Board of Health on a wager to stand more than ten minutes in the vicinity of the hog pens and the bone mill at Iwilei. The stench is simply frightful. It is more than sufficient to exterminate every person who is obliged to reside in the vicinity. The whole place should be condemned at once and the hog pens with their dead horses and carcasses and the bone mill moved into some wilderness, where human beings don't live.

Honolulu has no sewerage. Our army and police, our commissions and junketing expeditions on land and sea have swallowed our revenues. But even under our unfortunate sanitary condition let every effort be made at once to improve the situation and prevent, as far as possible the planting here of a germ which is easy to get, and nearly impossible to get rid of. Let the Board of Health take drastic measures if necessary, and "clean" the town even if the owners of the dead horses and live pigs are members of the family compact.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Business seems paralyzed after the Board of Health decision as to the nature of the prevalent sickness.

Many of our readers—of all shades of opinion—have expressed their surprise that we praised W. O. Smith for his action in the Board of Health meetings. This is the fullest evidence of the degradation of public opinion and sentiment that could be needed. People know that we have been politically opposed to W. O. Smith. They also know that officially he has had to authorize certain proceedings against the editors of this paper. For these reasons they suggest that we must have been bought in order to say the truth about him as we did. How low has public sentiment and

feeling fallen when a man cannot tell the truth without having it suggested that a few paltry dollars purchased his statement. Is that what newspapers have come to in Honolulu? Can not one of them speak the truth without being hired to do so? Is that what we have come to? We now state that our name is THE INDEPENDENT. And we are so. There are no strings, pecuniary or otherwise, on us. And we follow our motto and "speak the truth" no matter who it offends or satisfies. We live or we don't live. But while we do live we speak the truth regardless of consequences individually.

W. N. Armstrong wanted us to send Hawaiian hides to Japan—after being tanned. Now the Star offers us the French market for the same material. It is wonderful that neither of them can leave Hawaiian hides alone. Never mind whether they are tanned or otherwise.

The Advertiser once more prints foolish reports about what the natives are talking about on the actions of the Board of Health. If there is anybody in the Advertiser staff who knows what Hawaiians think or say it is time they revised the articles published. If not the Board of Health ought to segregate the Advertiser and fumigate them. "Policemen to fight an English man-of-war" indeed? Are Hawaiians idiots—according to the Advertiser?

Licensed doctors of Portuguese and Japanese nationalities who probably have seen more cholera than some of the learned (f) medical gentlemen from America and Europe—with a small "e"—have not been invited to take part in the consultations of the comma bacilli by the microscopic gentlemen who now boss the garbage.

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Keep Cool.

"When doctors disagree who shall decide?" Have we an experienced bacteriologist in these islands? It may be said that we are too inquisitive; but when our medicos divided on a question of such importance as the nature of a disease prevailing, even to a very limited extent, in our city, questions are in order, even from laymen. Just now the M. D's are at odds. The dominant party have a microscope and a bit of tissue, from the corpse of a victim, of—what? Say that they have discovered in or on this tissue the comma bacillus of cholera. The people who have faith in the party with a microscope, are in a panic. With all due respect to the microscope and the gentleman over it may we ask are either of them competent to decide so grave a matter? Admitting that the dread bacillus has been found, can our medicos say with any degree of certainty that it is the cause or effect of cholera? We venture our reputation when we say that we do not believe that Asiatic Cholera has found a habitation in this Paradise of the Pacific; but all the same we make the venture. Read THE INDEPENDENT and hold possession of your reasoning faculties, despite what the Advertiser says.

HEALTH NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH,
HONOLULU, AUG. 21, 1895.

The Board of Health has directed its agents to make a special inspection of houses and premises in the city of Honolulu, with a view of placing the same in a good sanitary condition, and the public are therefore requested:

1. To render all assistance to the agents of the Board.
2. To obey the instructions of the health agents.
3. To put drains, cesspools, privy-vaults and other receptacles of refuse in good sanitary condition.
4. To have all garbage and other decaying refuse promptly removed, and all sources of noxious smell disinfected. Chloride of lime is a cheap as well as good disinfectant. Carbolic acid is also an effective purifier—three table spoonsful to a gallon of hot water, well stirred.

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President Board of Health.
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Timely Topics.



Honolulu, July 22, 1895.

It cannot be denied that the war cloud which hangs over the world at present is getting darker and darker. It is a historical fact that the end of each century has always been fraught with bloodshed and strife, internally as well as externally. The great powers of Europe to-day are making and unmaking alliances of all kinds. The fact is that diplomacy to-day is using every means to postpone the day when the crash must come and gain time for the different countries to prepare themselves for the gigantic struggle which will and must take place before the present generation dates its letters in the year 1900. Turkey is threatened from all sides. The Russian bear is extending his claws and licking his blood-thirsty tongue towards the East and South in anticipation of gain. The passive and cold brother nations who inhabit the Scandinavian peninsula are now glaring ferociously ready to spring at each other's throats. Germany, under its impetuous, indiscreet imperial master, is drifting into the deceptive maelstrom of conquest, and war, in which all past experience, all knowledge gained through the horrors of war are forgotten, and where only false sentiment and sham patriotism are ruling. And while the giants get ready for the great war their leaders have realized one thing, and that is, that no army will have a show, no militia a chance, except provided with the indispensable bicycle. And no wonder that the monarchical countries of Europe prefer the "Monarch" to any other kind, and supply their "wheeling cavalry" with that favorite brand.

We have watched proceedings in the great countries with a great deal of care, and we have secured the sole agency for Hawaii of the Monarch Cycle. We have realized that, not alone a large stock is necessary, but that a workshop, in which all needed repairs can be done is in the interest of our patrons, and we have established one above our stores on Fort street. This "bicycle infirmary" will attend to any "sickness" which the wheel may meet through accident or lack of care. Our prices are far below veterinary figures. We fix the Monarchs sold by us at cost price if ever they should need it. We have everything on hand and have secured the services of a most experienced bicycle man, whose work we guarantee.

As the bicycle is not only of advantage in war but love, we wish to call the attention of the young boys and girls who have to spend their vacations in Honolulu, that we have wheels just suitable for them. If daddy can't send them to the country for a trip—or buy them a bow-wow—let them ask him for a Monarch. It will give more pleasure and last much longer than even a volcano trip.

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